

# Rebecca Seawright



Wishing you a  
*Happy Passover*  
March 27 - April 4

*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*To those of you who are observing Passover, I wish you a meaningful, safe, happy, and healthy holiday.*

*This morning, I was honored to be joined by the CUNY Chancellor Felix V. Matos Rodriguez and SUNY Chancellor Jim Malatras for a meeting of the Assembly Task Force on Women's Issues. CUNY and SUNY students are majority female, and are working to realize and obtain their dreams through educational opportunity and advancement. I am proud to support funding for these institutions in our New York State Budget.*

*On Tuesday evening we honored Women of Distinction from our community at a celebration on Zoom with keynote speaker Senior Vice President of Hospital Administration at MSKCC, Cynthia McCollum. The Roosevelt Island Girl Scout Troop 3001 led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Join us for one of the events that I am pleased to sponsor:*

- *Tuesday, March 30 at 2:00 pm by telephone- **No-Cost Housing Legal Clinic.** [RSVP here.](#)*
- *Thursday, April 1 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the District Office of Assembly*

Member Rebecca Seawright, 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets)- **No-Cost Face Covering Giveaway.** [RSVP here.](#)

- *Thursday, April 1 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Zoom- **Virtual Knitting Social.*** [RSVP here.](#)
- *Tuesday, April 6 from 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm on Facebook live and Zoom- **Town Hall Tuesday.*** [RSVP here.](#)

*Stay safe, wash your hands frequently, keep your social distance, and wear your face-covering! Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.*

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*Sincerely,*

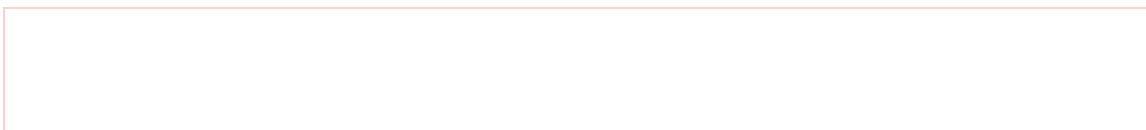


## Seawright Statement Against the Blood Center Proposal For Our Community

*"It is with the highest concern for our community, and its residents that I oppose the Upper East Side Blood Center Tower project. I fully support the advancement of life science research, and the innovations it brings but I cannot support the upzoning of our residential neighborhood. Neighbors have been sounding the alarm of concerns that their quality of life will be negatively impacted by the proposed 334-foot glass tower. Traffic congestion is imminent, making doctors, teachers and other professionals late to essential work. We cannot set the dangerous precedent of building an out-of-scale tower, which will cast a shadow over our beloved St. Catherine's Park, the Julia Richman Education Complex and the surrounding east sixties neighborhood.*

*We are informed that the Blood Center will occupy just 35% of the building while the rest of the space will be leased by the life sciences developer Longfellow to undisclosed commercial tenants. We were not informed of this by the developers, but by our local "FRIENDS of the Upper East Side Historic Districts" that these spaces have the potential to house biosafety level 3 (BSL-3) labs, intended to handle dangerous pathogens and microorganisms capable of causing potentially lethal infections, raising a deep concern for public safety.*

*I urge our community to attend the public hearing by Community Board 8 which could take place as early as this April 2021, and call on their City leaders including its Council Members and the Mayor to oppose this ill-advised proposal,"* said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.





## New York Blood Center Looks To Expand

"This project would be the first rezoning that would kind of start to undo this basic toolbox of land use tools that are in place to preserve the character of the neighborhood," said Rachel Levy, of Friends of the Upper East Side.

[Read more  
newyork.cbslocal.com](http://newyork.cbslocal.com)

SIXTH ANNUAL



*Women*  
**OF DISTINCTION  
AWARDS**

Assembly Member Seawright Honors "Women of Distinction" During Women's History Month





To commemorate 2021 Women's History Month, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright honored women leaders of distinction for their achievements, noteworthy contributions, and outstanding work on behalf of the community on the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island.

*"We celebrate women today who are exemplary change-makers and influencers and the pioneers of the past upon whose shoulders we stand,"* Assembly Member Seawright said. *"They all inspire us to resist and keep up the fight. To the Women of Distinction, we say congratulations! You are an enduring inspiration to our entire community, our beloved city, and our great state of New York!"*

The distinguished honorees hail from public service, neighborhood businesses, volunteer and non-profit institutions, publishing, medical institutions, civic organizations, and labor unions.

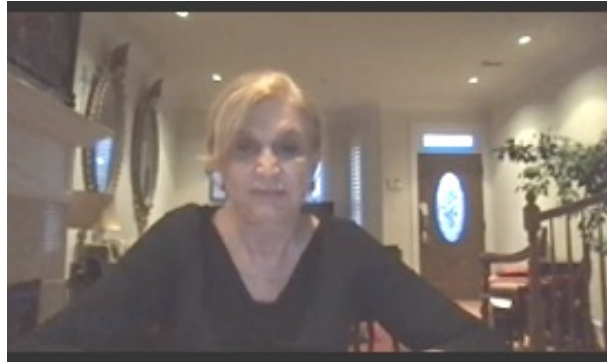
Honorees receive a New York State Assembly citation recognizing "outstanding work on behalf of the community...worthy of esteem for her civic dedication and service, essential to the advancement of the residents of the 76th Assembly District and the State of New York."

Included in the 2021 celebration were honorees announced in 2020 but unable to receive recognition due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



*Senior Vice President of Hospital Administration at MSKCC, Cynthia McCollum provided the keynote address, speaking on women in leadership roles.*

***“I am honored to have been recognized with this award and to have given the keynote address. Women’s History Month is the perfect time to celebrate the progress women have made in our community,”*** said Cynthia McCollum, Senior Vice President, Hospital Administration. ***“Today at MSK, women are represented in all levels of leadership within the organization and that is a wonderful achievement.”***



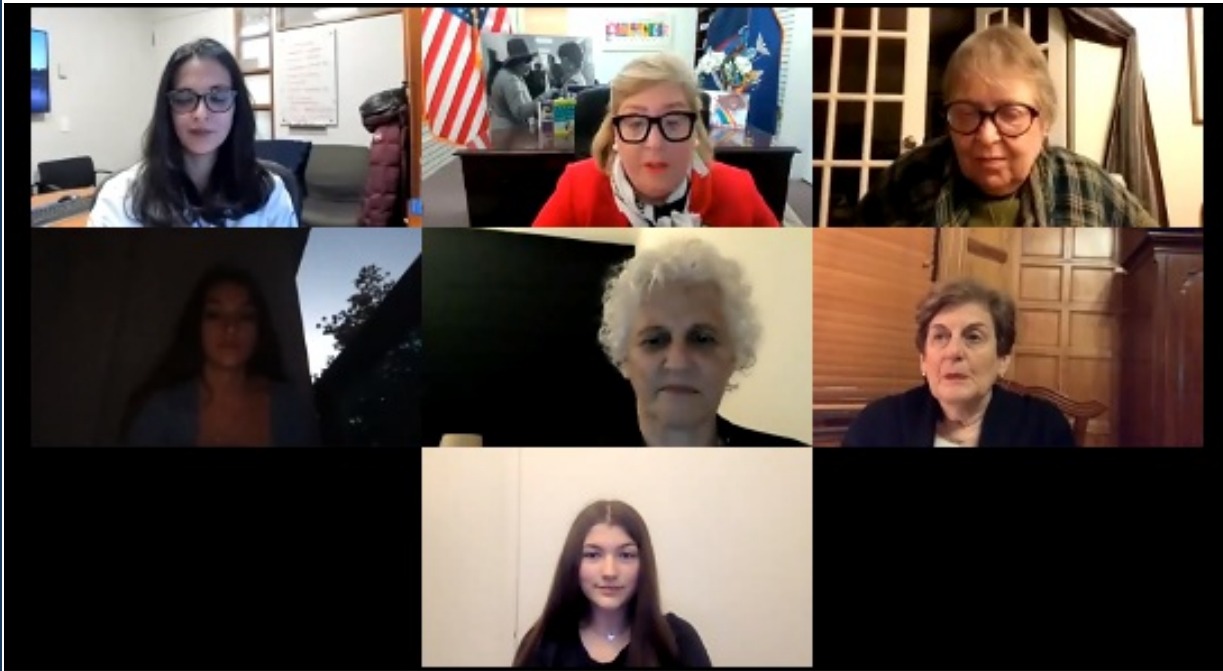
*Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney congratulated the 2020 and 2021 Women of Distinction.*



*Senator Krueger brought greetings and a budget update to those gathered for the Women of Distinction Ceremony.*



*(Left to Right)- Rebecca Seawright, Julia Fan, Janette Gautier, Ruth Halberg, Zena Kaufman, Louise Merriman, Ann Meschery, Bobbie Slonevsky, and Lynda Smith.*



*(Left to Right)- Dr. Mini Kamboj, Rebecca Seawright, Dr. Katherine Teets Grimm, Serena Sabet, Jeanne Straus, Shari Weiner, and Julia Wischnevsky.*

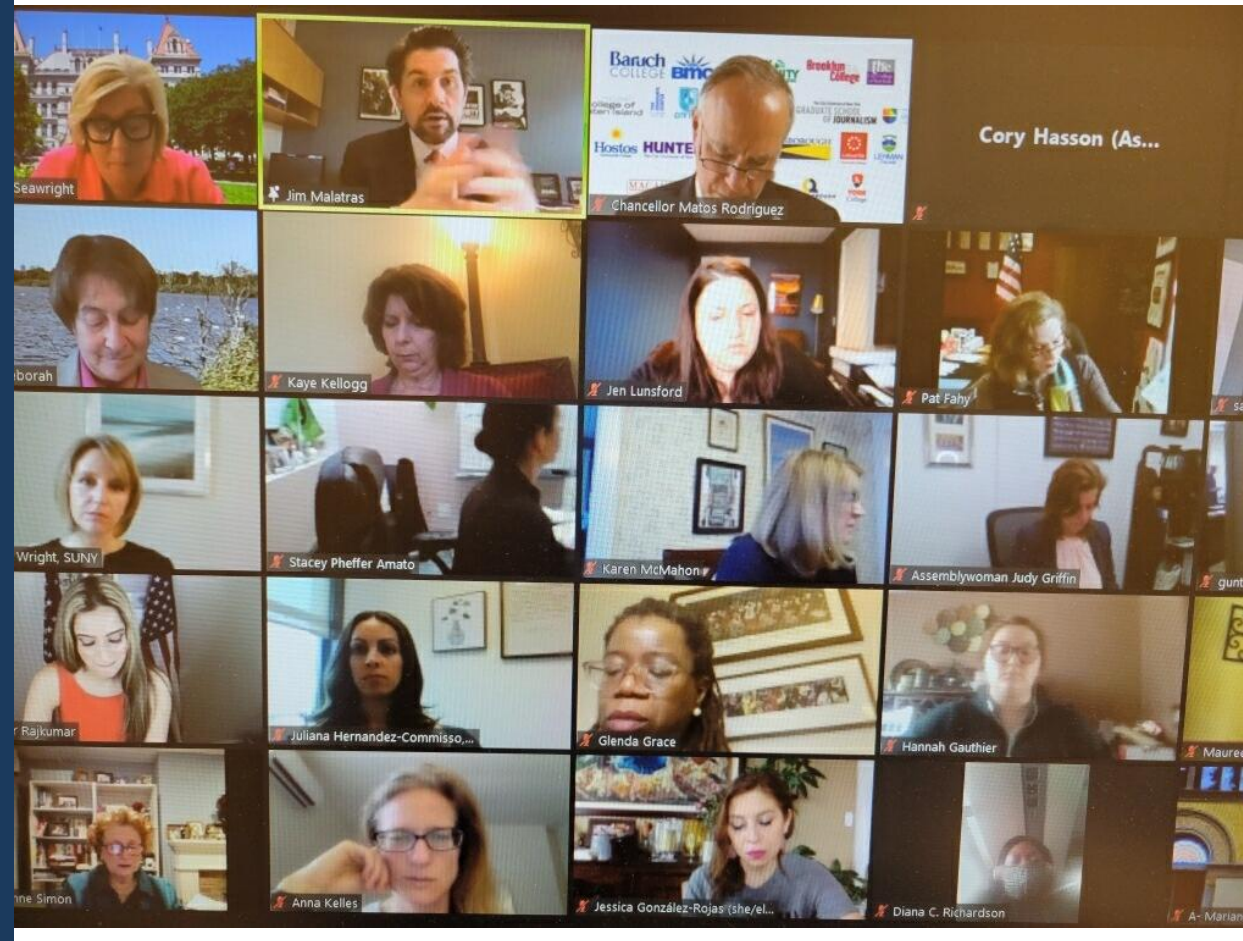
## Seawright Hosts Task Force on Women's Issues

**Featuring CUNY Chancellor Felix V. Matos Rodriguez  
& SUNY Chancellor Jim Malatras**





*"Over 56% of the students at CUNY and SUNY are women. They represent the future leaders of our State and the many academic fields of study that they are pursuing. We are responsible for helping to ensure that these great and large university systems are able to be responsive to their needs, their aspirations and their dreams,"* said Seawright



# Seawright Supports Equal Pay Transparency Through Salary Disclosure

# EQUAL PAY DAY

== MARCH 24 ==

This day represents how far into 2021 women must work to earn what their male colleagues made in 2020, *and it's even later for many women of color.*

The Assembly Majority continues the fight for a fairer future.

This Equal Pay Day, Seawright is fighting to eliminate the gender wage gap in our state by cosponsoring Salary Disclosure legislation, Assembly Bill 6529. This will be a positive step towards ending the wage gap that continues to rob workers, particularly women of color, of fair wages and economic well-being. By requiring New York State employers to disclose the salary or range of compensation and any benefits for all job opportunities, salary disclosure legislation will empower applicants with critical information, prevent wage discrimination, reduce negative negotiation outcomes and address systemic gender-based wage disparities that originate during the hiring process.

## Assembly Passes Legislation to Remove Antiquated Language from Family Court Proceedings

Assembly Member Seawright was proud to vote in support of Assembly Bill 5873 to eliminate the stigma of being labeled "incorrigible" in Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) proceedings.

The term "incorrigible" is defined as a person who is incapable of being corrected or reformed, and does not align with the goals of New York's family court system. Under the bill, the word "incorrigible" would be removed from the Family Court Act. The archaic and harmful term has been disproportionately applied to girls and young women of color.

## Seawright's Statement on Mass Shootings in the United States

*"In the last five years, there have been at least 29 shootings with four or more fatalities, according to the Violence Project. Two shootings transpired within the last two weeks, in Georgia and Colorado, resulting in 18 fatalities.*

*The reality of mass shootings is gut wrenching and tearing communities apart. I know that I stand with New Yorkers and New York State elected colleagues when I urge our federal leadership to ban assault rifles, and to strengthen gun control on a national level.*



*In New York State, we continue to work to strengthen our laws with regards to gun violence. We have championed some of the strongest gun laws in the nation closing the loophole to prevent dangerously mentally ill people from obtaining firearms; preventing school districts from arming teachers and establishing statewide regulations for gun buyback programs; banning undetectable guns and expanding firearm safe storage laws to protect children; extending the background check waiting period; banning bump stocks; and implementing the extreme risk protection order law, also known as the Red Flag gun protection law.*

*We are deeply disturbed that women of Asian descent were targeted at three spas in Atlanta. The appalling rise of anti-Asian violence is deeply disturbing and must be condemned. In the Assembly, I am fighting to mandate anti-hate training for those convicted of hate crimes."*

## COVID-19 Vaccination Information

All in favor of a COVID-19 vaccine,  
raise your arm.



[Visit the New York State Vaccine Site Locator](#)  
Call 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829)

or [Visit the New York City Vaccine Site Locator](#)  
Call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692)

### Sites in the 76th Assembly District:

**AdvantageCare Physicians** - 215 East 95th Street, Manhattan, 10128

**Lenox Hill Hospital - Einhorn Auditorium-** 131 East 76th Street, Manhattan, 10021(844) 919-8222

#### **Rite Aid Pharmacy**

1535 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10075

Site only serves those age 50 and older and/or P-12 school faculty and staff and childcare workers and/or those with eligible underlying conditions

#### **Walgreens/Duane Reade**

Sites only serves those age 50 and older and/or P-12 school faculty and staff and childcare workers and/or those with eligible underlying conditions

(800) 925-4733

1524 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10075

1328 2nd Avenue, Manhattan, 10021

401 East 86th Street, Manhattan, 10028

1111 3rd Avenue, Manhattan, 10065

1498 York Avenue, Manhattan, 10075

## Small Business Spotlight

# ***YURA ON EAST END***



Stop by 50 East End Avenue (between 81/82 Streets) for meals-to-go, bakery, and outdoor "thoughtfully distanced" dining.

[yura.nyc](http://yura.nyc)  
(212) 879-8730

***Submit your favorite small business here to be featured in our next e-newsletter!***

## Upcoming Events

# Pricing Out Mom & Pop: How Does the Changing Housing Market Affect Small Businesses?

Tuesday March 30, 2021  
at 6:30pm – 8:30pm

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## Moderator

Kyle Athayde  
CB6 Chair

The event is part of a series of  
virtual programs brought to you  
by Manhattan Community Boards  
1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12

## Panelists

Gale Brewer,  
Manhattan Borough President

Peter Walsh,  
Co-Owner, Coogan's

Jessica Lappin,  
President, Downtown Alliance

Jessica Walker,  
President and CEO, Manhattan  
Chamber of Commerce

Peter Arndsten,  
Manager, Columbus-Amsterdam BID

Sharon Hershkowitz,  
Owner, Balloon Saloon

Brian Owens,  
Co-Founder,  
Restaurant Row East Alliance

Rose Pierre-Louis,  
COO, The McSilver Institute for  
Poverty Policy and Research at NYU

**REGISTER NOW AT** <https://tinyurl.com/PricingOutMomPop>

### Co-Sponsored by:

State Senator Liz Krueger, State Senator Brad Hoylman, State Senator Jose Serrano, Assembly Member Harvey Epstein, Assembly Member Dan Quart, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Assembly Member Al Taylor, Comptroller Scott Stringer, Council Member Keith Powers, Council Member Carlina Rivera, Council Member Ben Kallos, Assembly Member Inez Dickens, Council Member Bill Perkins, State Senator Brian Kavanagh and State Senator Brian Benjamin

Link to register: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_oSIQqFA0SrGEWEsAqP18AQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oSIQqFA0SrGEWEsAqP18AQ)

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E72NA

# E72NA LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD DAY



E72NA

E72NA invites you to our second Love Your Neighborhood Community Service Day. We will be spending the morning giving back to our community by picking up trash and handing out masks on 72nd Street.

Please join us in our day of community actions! This is a great opportunity to give back to our neighborhood and to meet your neighbors!

WHEN: Saturday, April 10th

TIME: 10 am

RSVP THROUGH QR CODE OR BY EMAILING

e72na10021@gmail.com



SCAN ME

- TRASH CLEAN UP SQUAD ON EAST 72ND STREET BETWEEN LEX AND THE EAST RIVER
- TRASH CLEAN UP SQUAD ON EAST RIVER ESPLANADE WITH FRIENDS OF THE ESPLANADE
- HAND SANITIZER HANDOUT ON EAST 72ND STREET AND SECOND AVENUE
- ALL SOULS SOUP KITCHEN FOOD DRIVE



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**FRIENDS  
OF THE  
EAST  
RIVER  
ESPLANADE  
60TH - 120TH STREETS**

**ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
REBECCA SEAWRIGHT**



**PROTECTIVE  
FACE MASK  
GIVEAWAY**



**THURSDAYS**

**12:00PM-2:00PM**

**COMMUNITY OFFICE  
1485 YORK AVENUE  
(78/79 STREET)**

**SCAN ME TO RSVP!**

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**RSVP to the Face Covering Giveaway on 4/1**



Assembly  
Member  
Rebecca  
Seawright

# VIRTUAL KNITTING SOCIAL

JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD  
KNITTERS FOR CRAFTING  
AND CONVERSATION

EVERY THURSDAY ON  
ZOOM  
**2PM-4PM**

ALL SKILL LEVELS  
WELCOME

Contact the Office of Assembly  
Member Rebecca Seawright  
Call: 212.288.4607  
Email: [SeawrightRaNYAssembly.gov](mailto:SeawrightRaNYAssembly.gov)

**RSVP for Virtual Knitting Social on 4/1**



ASSEMBLY MEMBER

REBECCA A. SEAWRIGHT



# HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

TUES. MARCH 30

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY  
AT 2:00 PM ATTORNEYS FROM  
THE LAW OFFICES OF GRIMBLE  
& LOGUIDICE, LLC WILL  
PROVIDE ADVICE ON HOUSING-  
RELATED MATTERS AT NO-COST  
FOR CONSTITUENTS OF THE  
76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Get help navigating the housing court process, responding to notices, dealing with threat of eviction, getting repairs from negligent landlords, and advocating for your rights as a tenant in New York City!

DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS, A  
VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY WILL  
HOST A ONE -ON-ONE PHONE  
SESSION WITH ATTENDEES.



SCAN ME TO  
RSVP!

RSVP REQUIRED:

CALL: 212-288-4607

EMAIL: SEAWRIGHTR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV

*The legal clinic is solely to provide guidance and advice from attorney's experienced in landlord-tenant law. The clinic does not guarantee a desired outcome and does not establish an attorney-client relationship. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright does not represent or advise constituents in any legal matters.*

RSVP to the Legal Clinic on 3/30

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